

Frankford Arsenal, Bulding 59
Southeast corner of Mordecai Road and Ripley Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

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Location: Southeast corner of Mordecai Road and Ripley Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1943

Significance: Building 319 is associated with the expansion of Frankford Arsenal during World War II. It is one of many small storage facilities located throughout the arsenal, the U.S. Army's principal manufacturer of small arms ammunition. the twentieth century.

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HISTORY

Building 59 was constructed in 1943 as a storehouse for oil and lacquer.

DESCRIPTION

The building is a single-story structure, measuring approximately 57 feet by 18 feet. It has a concrete foundation with brick and hollow tile walls. There is a flat composition roof with six ventilators. The building is divided into three sections by firewalls that rise above the roof line. East and west sections each have a single overhead wood and glass garage door in the south facade. The center section has two overhead garage doors.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal," West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979.

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